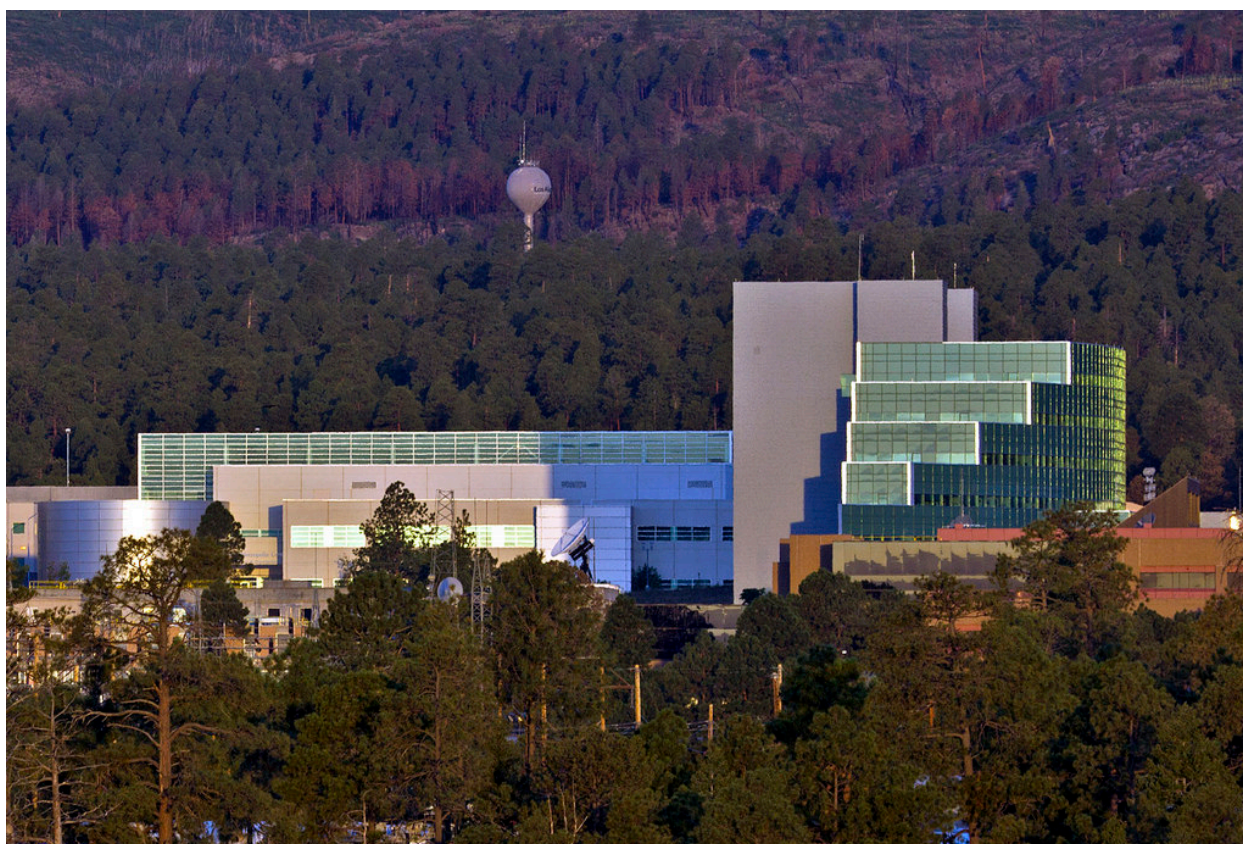




Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia Labs, other major employers commit to STEM education in New Mexico

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Partnership aims to spark math, science inspiration in New Mexico students

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., Nov. 20, 2014—Following up on a joint CEO proclamation on STEM education, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories and several partners are hosting a discussion on “STEM Education in New Mexico” at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at Highland High School in Albuquerque.

Laboratory Director Charlie McMillan, Sandia National Laboratories Director Paul Hommert, and other CEOs of top employers in the state, including the Air Force Research Laboratory, Intel, PNM Resources and Northrop Grumman, signed a proclamation that recognizes the importance of the STEM fields in New Mexico and

commits Los Alamos and its STEM partners to lead the way in sparking math and scientific inspiration in New Mexico residents and engage students in hands-on, minds-on STEM activities.

"Through this partnership, we continue to inspire and cultivate the curiosity of students as they consider STEM as a career option," said Kurt Steinhaus, Los Alamos' Community Programs Office Director. "This discussion — and a proclamation signed by the partners — emphasizes the importance of working together as we 'grow our own' and help meet workforce needs in New Mexico."

According to the STEM Education in New Mexico proclamation (attached pdf), "Strong math and science education helps create pioneers of the future that will help move [New Mexico] to a higher level of excellence."

The 2014 New Mexico Legislature passed Senate Memorial 38 declaring Feb. 7-14, 2014 as "New Mexico STEM Education Week in the Senate." The Senate Memorial highlights voluntary targets, including the need to certify 1,000 new science and math teachers in New Mexico by 2020.

The discussion on STEM is being held in conjunction with the [Electric Car Challenge](#) featuring more than 40 teams of students in grades 6-8 from throughout New Mexico.

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